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FOLLOWING REPEAT 11369 ACTION SECSTATE 25 JUL 77

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S E C R E T MANILA 11369

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, MPOL

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASES ISSUES

REF: (A) MANILA 9449; (B) STATE 168840; (C) CINCPAC 230305Z

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1. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY INGLES IS SEEN (AT LEAST ON PHILIPPINE SIDE) AS RESPONSIVE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' SUGGESTIONS (REF A) ON JULY 20 (WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO PRESENT):

A. THAT WE BEGIN PROMPTLY TO DISCUSS LESSER ISSUES CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES "THAT CANNOT WAIT" SUCH AS SMUGGLING, WATERSHED PROTECTION, PERIMETER

SECURITY, ETC., AND

B. THAT ON PHILIPPINE SIDE A "TASK FORCE" BE SET UP WITH INGLES IN CHARGE.

2. AT RECEPTION JULY 23 INGLES SCHEDULED PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION FOR 3:00 P.M. LOCAL JULY 25, INDICATED HE WOULD BE KEEPING ROMULO INFORMED, AND NOTED HE (INGLES) WOULD BE LEAVING JULY 27 FOR KUALA LUMPUR ASEAN PRELIMINARIES. AT DINNER JULY 23 ROMULO ALREADY WAS AWARE OF SCHEDULED JULY 25 MEETING WITH INGLES. ROMULO ALSO INDICATED CURRENT HIGH LEVEL GOP PREOCCUPATION WITH ASEAN SUMMIT.

3. WE, OF COURSE, WISH TO AVOID SUGGESTION OF UNRESPONSIVENESS OR CIRCUMVENTION OF PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION AS PROPOSED BY MARCOS. ALL THE MORE SO IN THAT REF B INSTRUCTIONS NEATLY OVERCOME ANY LIKELY REAL PROBLEM BY MEANS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REP GIMMICK. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO BE BOUND BY REF C SUGGESTION THAT "SEC INGLES SIMPLY BE ADVISED THAT U.S. SIDE WILL BE INTRODUCING (SECURITY PROPOSALS) TO MDB IN THE NEAR FUTURE." THE BURDEN OF OUR EFFORT WITH INGLES WILL BE TO MOVE ISSUES THROUGH GENERAL DISCUSSION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE INTO MDB FOR DETAILED CONSIDERATION. THIS REGARD ASSUME SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS TO MDB CONTEMPLATED REF D WILL BE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY, AND THAT CINCPACREPHIL (AND 13TH AF) WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS WITH INGLES SUBSEQUENT
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TO JULY 25 PRELIMINARY.

4. IN SUM, BELIEVE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP CONCERNING ISSUES RELATED TO BASES UNDER EXISTING MBA CAN BE MANAGED BY CLOSE EMBASSY-CINCPAC COORDINATION, IN U.S. INTEREST AND WITHOUT STEPPING ON PHILIPPINE BUNIONS.

5. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS TO MILITARY ADDRESSEES REF B. STULL.
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